

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
D. H. WEATHER BUREAU
February 22, 1917. — Rainfall
last twenty-four hours, .00 in.
Temperature min. 62; max.
72. Weather, pt. cloudy.

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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS		
	Cents	Dollars
90° Centrifugals N. Y. per lb. per ton		
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.05	\$101.00
Last previous quotation	5.33	\$106.00

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IMPORT FILIPINO LABORERS SAYS FEDERAL OFFICER TO MEET CRISIS

Commissioner of Weights and Measures At Washington Urges Creation of National Commission With Power Over Supplies

HOUSE LINING UP AGAINST PLAN FOR INVESTIGATION

Representative Opposes President's Plan For Appropriating \$400,000 For Probe; Rioting Continues In New York City

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 23.—With the house lining up against the President's proposal that congress appropriate \$400,000 for the conduct of an investigation into the increased cost of living, Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, threw a possible bombshell into the already tense situation, when he proposed in a formal statement yesterday the importation of cheap Filipino labor for the farms as a solution for the problems of cheapening food and bringing it within the easy reach of the poorest.

In his statement Hartigan declared that he believes that the proposal to impose an embargo upon all products save foodstuffs and fuel will fail for short of meeting the problem of transportation, which he declares is not the greatest problem that confronts the nation so much as the question of getting the land to produce all that it is capable of doing.

He urges that one method of getting the situation in hand is the creation of a national board of food control, which shall have powers of regulating farm labor conditions, and the distribution of products by the railroads.

The great need at present according to Mr. Hartigan is farm labor and he urges that steps be taken for the importation of Filipino labor which is cheap, for use upon the farms of the country.

Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the finance committee, announced yesterday that he would fight the spending of money on an investigation of the increased cost of living, on the ground that nothing can be accomplished.

The threatened food and fuel shortage which menaced several sections of the country appears to have been averted, at least for the time being by the action of the interstate commerce commission, which has issued drastic orders, sending supplies where most needed. The railroads have responded nobly to the demands that have been placed upon them and have rushed special shipments of supplies, to the towns and cities most in need of them.

In spite of the arrival of trainloads of foodstuffs and fuel in New York housewives of the crowded sections of that city, particularly of the east side, yesterday continued their disorderly demonstrations against the high prices of food and many small riots occurred. The police suppressed the outbreaks in every instance where they grew serious. Women with babies in their arms marched as "pickets" back and forth in front of shops which they made the objects of their demonstrations, and intending purchasers were asked not to patronize these establishments.

New York officials asserted that a superficial investigation has failed to show what result, on the children, may be attributed to lack of sufficient nourishment caused by the high cost of food.

Mayor Mitchell has instructed that there be an investigation to learn whether there is basis for the complaints voiced at meetings that people are actually starving to death. The board of health reports that the death rate is lower than last year.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 23.—A Reuters' despatch from Athens today reports that food riots have broken out among the workmen at Piræus, the riots becoming so serious that shops and the customhouse were closed. The mobs looted grocer and butcher shops. Many have been arrested.

Bremen Victim Of Storm, Not Foes Report In Berlin

Office of Associated Press in German Capital Said To Have Had Information Submarine Sank At Sea During Gale, Several Months Ago, Copenhagen Hears

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
COPENHAGEN, February 23.—The German merchant submarine Bremen was not captured on its second trip to the United States but was sunk in a terrific storm in the Atlantic Ocean, well on her way to America, according to reliable information that has been in the hands of the Associated Press for many months. The Berlin office of the Associated Press was in possession of this information for some time but it was unable to transmit it to this city only yesterday.

The same advice states that the merchant submarine Deutschland, sister-ship of the Bremen, is now engaged in supplying the war divers that are carrying on Germany's campaign of ruthless submarine warfare.

It is reported that at least six sister ships of the Deutschland and Bremen, large cargo-carrying submarines, are cooperating in this work of transporting food, supplies and munitions to the U-boats in the Atlantic that are conducting the unrestricted warfare against shipping passing to and from England, France and Belgium through the "barred zone."

French Official Lauds Courage Of Yankee Fighters

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, February 23.—M. Besnard, under secretary of foreign affairs, addressed a large gathering of American residents in Paris at a dinner last night in honor of Washington's Birthday.

He complimented the valor of the American citizens who have volunteered for service in the French fighting forces and paid tribute to the deeds of American soldiers in all branches of the army of the republic. He praised particularly the aid given by Americans through Red Cross work both at field hospitals and in relief work.

"France is not worn out," declared M. Besnard. "The nation is ready to go through to the end of this war, to an end that is victory."

BRITISH INTERESTS TO PAY MILLIONS FOR JAPANESE SHIPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SEATTLE, February 23.—British interests have purchased seventeen steamships now being built at Kobe, Japan, according to officers of the steamer Chicago Maru, which arrived here yesterday. It is understood that the purchasers of the ships intend using them in a new service to be inaugurated between Puget Sound and ports of China and Japan. The tonnage of the vessels reported taken over by the British company totals 158,000 tons. The purchase price of the seventeen new steamers is reported to be thirty-three million dollars.

BUSINESS OF CANAL SMASHES ALL RECORDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 22.—The Panama canal business for January was 76 vessels with a tonnage of 557,830. The previous record for one month was that of July, 1915, when 170 vessels with a tonnage of 547,370, used the big waterway.

NEW MEXICO BURIES GOVERNOR DE BACA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EAST LAS VEGAS, New Mexico, February 22.—Business was suspended today while the funeral of Governor Eugene de Baca was held on a day ordinarily given over to patriotic celebration. Governor Lindsay and five former governors of the state acted as pallbearers.

BRITISH SOCIETY PAYS HONOR TO WASHINGTON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SALT LAKE CITY, February 22.—The British Society, for the first time in its history, today celebrated Washington's birthday.

ARMY BUDGET IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Universal Military Training Amendment Is Lost On Point of Order

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 23.—The annual army appropriation bill carrying a total budget of \$250,000,000 was passed by the house yesterday without roll call.

An attempt to add an amendment adopting universal military training was defeated on a point of order.

Among the largest items of new equipment provided for in the bill are authorizations of \$8,000,000 for aviation corps, \$11,000,000 for equipment and stores of the reserve corps and \$5,500,000 for automatic machine guns for the army and for national guard regiments.

Under the terms of the bill \$3,000,000 of the sum appropriated for machine guns, which ordinarily would not become available before July 1, can be used immediately.

The measure carries \$900,000 for armored motor cars, \$150,000 for anti-aircraft guns for the army and \$2,500,000 for arms, ordnance and other expenses of civilian military training camps.

INDIANA JOINS THE SUFFRAGE STATEHOOD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
INDIANAPOLIS, February 23.—The Indiana woman suffrage bill has been passed by the lower house of the legislature. The measure was previously adopted by the senate and now goes to Governor Goodrich for approval. The bill gives women of the State the right to vote for practically all city, county and State officials except the governor and the secretary of State.

WOMEN WIN FIGHT

AUGUSTA, Maine, February 23.—Suffrage advocates have won their forty-year fight to have the question of women's suffrage submitted to a vote of the people of the State, and Governor McKim has announced that he will sign the measure to that effect, which has been passed unanimously by the house and the senate of the state legislature.

WHITE STAR LINER CELTIC HITS MINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, February 22.—Reports that the big White Star liner Celtic hit a mine on February 14 and was towed back to Liverpool, damaged, were brought to this port today by passengers aboard the American liner Philadelphia. They say that wireless calls summoned the Philadelphia to the aid of the Celtic. A troopship from Canada, also picking up the wireless calls, rushed to the spot where the Celtic was lying helpless and towed her back to port. Officers of the Philadelphia today refused to talk. White Star line officials declared no word of the explosion had been received by them.

BRITISH SEEKING TO SAVE ALL DAYLIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 22.—The reintroduction of the "daylight saving" bill was unanimously recommended today by a committee of parliament. The committee urges that the plan for "turning the clock an hour ahead" should become effective in April instead of in May.

WEEKS HAS A SUBSTITUTE FOR ADMINISTRATION BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 22.—Reasonable protective tariffs with a bond issue to provide for military preparedness were proposed by Senator Weeks today as substitute provisions for the administration's revenue bill.

FORM FRIENDLY SOCIETY

(By The Associated Press.)
BUDAPEST, February 23.—The German colony here has founded a society with the object of promoting goodwill and cooperation between Germany and Hungary. The new society is to welcome two prominent German guests next month. Herr Bassermann and Count Westarp. The former is the president of the National Liberal Party in the Reichstag, and the latter is the leader of the Conservatives. Both are known as supporters of the so-called annexationist ideas in Germany.

POLICY CALLED DANGEROUS Japanese Speaker Warns Jingoism

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, February 23.—The pin-pricking policy of some portions of the United States against Japan and the Japanese people is a policy fraught with danger to both Japan and the United States, declared Toyokichi Iyemaga last night, speaking at the dinner held under the auspices of the World's Court League. Mr. Iyemaga's address dealt with the relations between Japan and the United States and was most frank in pointing out the danger that existed of the friendly relations of the two nations becoming disrupted.

The speaker declared that there is a real danger of the Japanese people getting beyond the control of their government and forcing a break in certain of the States of the Union persisted in enacting legislation that is considered in Japan as insulting to that nation.

Allies Determined To Hold All of Germany's Colonies

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press) The death knell of Germany's colonial possessions has been sounded simultaneously by announcements of Walter Hume Long, minister of state for the colonies, Baron Motono, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Massey, prime minister of New Zealand, and Mr. Ward, speaking for the Australian states.

These statements combined are taken to mean that unless the war goes against the Allies, a contingency that no one here holds possible for a moment, the Entente has not the slightest intention of ever giving back into the possession of Germany, the colonies in Africa, Asia and the Pacific which have been wrested from the Kaiser since the outbreak of the war.

The state has, it is understood the backing of the entire Entente group of nations, and it is known that while former Premier Asquith was opposed to any further enlargement of the colonial possessions for Great Britain, the present premier, David Lloyd George, is in favor of such a plan.

The question of Japan's attitude toward holding Kiao Chiao, came up at the time the French government was drafting the reply of the nation to the peace note sent out by President Wilson, and it was learned then that the Japanese government's claims have been "safeguarded." It was satisfactory to France, although it was not deemed necessary that reply which the Paris authorities were preparing for President Wilson should embrace everything, so long as the rights which the Tokyo government undoubtedly possesses are properly cared for.

This stand was satisfactory to Baron Motono, who in his statement has said: "It must not be thought that this point (the safeguarding of Japan's rights) has been overlooked, and a most satisfactory understanding has been reached between my government and those of our Allies."

Mr. Ward, in speaking for Australia in regard to the former German colonies in the Pacific, says: "It is with regret that he notes the manner in which the question of captured colonies has been treated. We are determined that the islands in the Pacific shall never return to the control of Germany."

Mr. Massey said: "We people of New Zealand have long felt jealousy with Germany upon the Pacific within a day's sail of our coasts. Let us hold what we have taken."

GREAT SPRING OFFENSIVE IS PLAN OF ALLIED POWERS ON BALKAN FRONT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SALONIKA, February 23.—(Associated Press Staff Correspondence) Large contingents of Italian troops have been arriving here to reinforce the troops of the Entente powers already on the fighting lines in Macedonia. There is general talk of a spring offensive, and of it pushing through as planned last year. The attack last year was prevented by the assault of the Germans upon Verdun, now just a year ago, but this year nothing of the sort is anticipated, and the strength of the Allied armies in this theater of the war is growing tremendously.

No serious attack is expected on the Salonika front by the Germans, who are likely to have their hands full elsewhere, and the possibility of a Greek attack is not regarded as serious.

If the planned offensive this spring is carried out, it will have as its chief objective the cutting of the communications between Berlin and Constantinople, and it is certain that the 350,000 allied troops now on this front will be largely reinforced before the attack begins.

Oregon's Woman Lawmaker Is At Work Only Feminine Member of the Legislature

(By The Associated Press.)
SALFEM, Oregon, February 23.—Oregon's only woman legislator, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, The Dalles, Democratic member of the Oregon house of representatives from Wasco and Hood River counties ranks high, her friends claim, on the list of eloquent speakers in the legislature. Public speaking has long been her forte, it is said.

Before her marriage, about five years ago, to Alexander Thompson, an orchardist, she was Sylvia McGuire, well known in Portland society as a talented dramatic reader. She has long been active in the cause of woman suffrage. Until last year Mrs. Thompson did not take an active part in politics. She was invited by the Democratic national campaign committee to go on a speaking tour for President Wilson, but declined, saying she "had plenty to do at home." She did, however, speak in Portland and eastern Oregon at Democratic meetings.

There are but three other Democrats in the house of representatives besides Mrs. Thompson. Notwithstanding, she recently presided over the body for several hours at the invitation of Speaker Robert N. Stanfield when he retired complaining of illness. Mrs. Thompson has taken an active part in the work of the house, introduced bills and has been active in debate.

At home Mrs. Thompson is considered a good housekeeper and mother. She has one daughter, Mrs. Thompson is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and passed her girlhood there and in Indiana before coming to Portland twelve years ago.

Two other women have sat in the Oregon Legislature in the past, one in the senate and the other in the house. Both were Democrats.

OFFICIALS CLEARED OF "LEAK" CHARGES

Rules Committee After Investigation Finds Lawson's Accusations Unfounded

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 23.—The "leak" probe is ended, and the officials of the administration are to be vindicated of all blame in the matter. The house rules committee yesterday, after some discussion, voted unanimously to report that none of the charges made by Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, have been substantiated, and that the officials "implicated" in the alleged leak are not smugged in the least. The final report on the whole affair is expected to be made tomorrow. No recommendations will be included, but it is understood that the report will contain some severe criticism on the practice of "short selling" on the stock market.

FAMOUS WELL, MECCA OF PILGRIMS GOES DRY

(By The Associated Press.)
HOLYWELL, NORTH WALES, February 23.—St. Winifred's Well, the most famous in the British Isles and for centuries the mecca for pilgrims from all parts of Europe, has gone dry. The incident has created a sensation in this little picturesque town which relied on the wells for its livelihood.

The well gave up more than 2000 gallons per minute. The town relied on the well for its water supply and considerable revenue was derived from the pilgrims and from the Roman Catholic Church which paid the town council an annual rental for the privilege of building a shrine and conducting services on the site.

As soon as the well failed an investigation to ascertain the reason was begun and the authorities believe they have fathomed the mystery. It seems that the engineers in order to drain the waters that have hindered the mining of lead deposits under Halkin mountain near here, tunnelled deep and unexpectedly tapped the subterranean stream that broke from the ground at St. Winifred's.

AMERICAN SAILORS ARE TO BE FREED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, February 22.—A Berlin despatch received here today says that the American sailors on the Yarrowdale, held by Germany until the United States had demanded their release, have been freed, after Germany was informed officially that no German ships in the United States have been confiscated and no German crews interned.

GERARD IN SPAIN

MADRID, February 23.—James Gerard, late of the Berlin embassy, arrived with his party today, en route to the United States. He was met by representatives of the Spanish foreign office and by U. S. Ambassador Willard.

ARTILLERY DUELS AND RAIDS MARK FIGHTING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, February 23.—Artillery duels and minor infantry raids marked the fighting on all battle fronts in Europe yesterday according to advices from the various capitals. There were no big engagements in any of the theaters of fighting.

CUT DOWN RAILROAD EMPLOYEES IN MEXICO

(By The Associated Press.)
CITY OF MEXICO, February 23.—Felipe Pescador, director general of the railroad lines operated by the government, after a trip over the various systems has announced that the force of employees will be reduced materially in the near future. He announced that there were now more men employed on the railroads than in 1912 when traffic was at its heights and that the work necessary could be performed adequately by a force approximately one third less.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 23.—The British steamer John Mills has been sunk, according to the announcement here last night. Four members of her crew, badly injured by the explosion of the torpedo that destroyed the vessel and two killed by the explosion, have been landed. The remainder of the crew is missing, says the Central News Agency.

WILSON MAY ASK CONGRESS FOR POWER TO MOVE AT ONCE

Washington Believes That Wilson Is Likely To Appear Before Joint Session With Request For More Authority In Existing Crisis

EXPECTED TO LAY PLANS BEFORE CABINET MEMBERS

Session of Wilson's Official Family To Be Held Today, May Be Most Momentous In The History of Present Generation

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 23.—President Wilson will probably go before congress in joint session tonight or tomorrow to ask for authority to use such means as he may deem best to meet the emergency which the submarine policy of Germany and the acquiescence in that policy of Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria have forced upon the United States.

It was intimated here yesterday, the intimation being corroborated by all indications, that the plans of the President will be laid before the members of the cabinet at the regular cabinet meeting this afternoon. At that meeting the arrangements will be completed for a joint session of congress to be addressed by the President. It is expected that this session will be the most momentous in the history of the nation.

Pledges Violated

Following the break with Germany, when it was made plain that the administration proposed to follow up words with deeds should Germany make good its threats against all merchant shipping in the proscribed zones, there have been repeated violations of the Sussex pledges, to which the United States announced it intended to hold Germany. At least one American ship has been sunk, in contravention to all international law and in violation of the German pledges. This ship was destroyed by an Austrian submarine.

Twice the United States has formally presented a demand upon Austria to declare whether or not that nation intended also to employ submarines in unrestricted warfare, but as yet there has been no reply from Vienna, while unofficial reports are that Austria proposes to stand squarely by her ally Germany.

Demands Ignored

Twice the United States has presented a demand upon Germany for the release of the American seamen taken to Germany as prisoners of war on the captured steamer Yarrowdale. As yet there has been received no official promise from Germany that the seamen have been or are to be released, while unofficial reports state that the men are held until Germany is satisfied that no German seaman is held in detention by the authorities of the United States and that no German vessel has been seized by the United States.

Obstacles which have been placed in the way of the departure from Germany of American consuls have only been partially removed, and many representatives of the United States government are held in Germany through inability to secure passports allowing them to cross the border into America.

These facts and whatever else may be known to the administration and has been withheld from the public are expected to be laid before congress by the President, with the request that he be empowered to take such action and use such means as he may deem fit to force Germany into a recognition of her solemn pledges and into an observance of the rights of the United States.

AMERICANS IMPERILED BY SUBMARINE STROKE

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The sinking of the Swedish steamer Skogland by a Teutonic submarine has been officially reported to the state department by United States Consul Carl B. Hurst at Barcelona, Spain. The crew of the Skogland landed at Tarragona.

The submarine is said to have given the crew only ten minutes to take to the boats, before the vessel was sunk. Five Americans are said by Consul Hurst to have been aboard the Skogland.